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Terms of Reference

For The Petroleum Intelligence Advisory Group
of the Economic Intelligence Committee

1. The Economic Intelligence Committee (EIC) has established a Petroleum Intelligence Advisory Group (PIAG) in order that EIC might have a group of advisors on matters pertaining to petroleum in all foreign countries outside the Soviet Bloc.
2. The membership of PIAG shall consist of individuals who are members of the staffs of US Government agencies. The individual members shall be designated by the EIC with the concurrence of the individuals and approval of the agencies concerned. The PIAG may recommend changes in the membership of the committee.
3. The PIAG shall select its own chairman to serve for such a period of time as it determines. The permanent secretariat shall be provided by the CIA.
4. The PIAG shall:
 - (a) Consider matters pertaining to petroleum intelligence affecting national security throughout all foreign countries outside the Soviet Bloc.

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(b) Advise and offer recommendations on questions which have been approved for its consideration by PIAG and EIC.

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